Florida Humanities invites public libraries and library systems to apply for funding to support 2023 Summer Reading Programs that complement the Collaborative Summer Library Program's (CSLP) 2023 theme "All Together Now". Programming must be designed for early literacy, children, and/or teens in order to be eligible for support. This funding opportunity is offered in support of the Florida Division of Library and Information Services' Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP) and their membership in CSLP.

**FUNDING AMOUNT**

up to $1,500

**ELIGIBILITY**

Florida public and municipal libraries and library systems. A friends group, association, foundation, city or county government, or municipality may apply on behalf of a library or library system.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Application Deadline: March 1, 2023 at 12 PM  
Notification Date: Late March 2023  
Funding Distribution: April 2023

**HOW TO APPLY**

Application is online. If your organization has an existing account, sign into our Online Portal or create a new account at FloridaHumanities.org/Apply

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About

Florida Humanities’ 2023 Summer Reading Program funding opportunity provides support to public libraries and library systems for the development and execution of summer reading programs designed for early literacy, children, and/or teens. Programs may be implemented virtually or in person. Bilingual programming is also encouraged.

To be eligible for support, programming must complement the Collaborative Summer Library Program's (CSLP) annual theme. CSLP is a nonprofit, charitable organization that works to develop interest in reading and library use by supporting summer reading events in public libraries across the United States. CSLP's 2023 theme, “All Together Now”, encourages readers of all ages to bridge the divides between one another and to find commonalities while celebrating our differences. The 2023 theme encourages exploration, collaboration, and understanding between readers and within themselves.

This funding opportunity is offered in support of the Florida Division of Library and Information Services’ Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP) and their membership in CSLP. For more information about FLYP and CSLP resources, click here.

Funding Amount and Project Period

Libraries may request up to $1,500 in support of their 2023 summer reading programs. All programs must occur between May 1 and August 31, 2023. Approved applicants will receive funding in one installment in April 2023. A brief final report must be submitted by September 15, 2023 or within 30 days of the last funded activity. Please note that funding is limited and not all requests can be supported.

Funding Priorities

Applicants may request support for engaging, interactive public programming for early literacy, children, and/or teens that complements the 2023 CSLP theme. All programming must connect to the humanities by exploring personal and cultural commonalities and differences and encouraging exploration, collaboration, and understanding. Applicants are encouraged to review the 2023 CSLP manual for inspiration and programming ideas.

Virtual and in-person programming may include:
- Author conversations or discussions of thematic and humanities-related titles
- Reading and discussion groups
- Humanities-focused programs hosted by storytellers, authors, book club discussion leaders, interpreters, and content-area experts

A portion of requested funding may also be used to purchase select titles for public circulation or distribution at proposed public programs. Approved titles for circulation must be selected from the list available inside the 2023 CSLP manual.
Eligibility

Florida public and municipal libraries and library systems are eligible to apply. A friends group, association, foundation, city or county government, or municipality may apply on behalf of a library or library system. Individual branches are encouraged to apply through their county or city library system when possible. Applicants must have received an allotment from DLIS and have access to the 2023 CSLP manual.

Libraries located in Rural Areas of Opportunity and those with programs that target underserved audiences will be given priority consideration. Underserved audiences can be defined as those whose access to the humanities is limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

Unique Entity ID (SAM) and SAM.gov

A Unique Entity ID (SAM) and Federal-ID number are required to apply. Applicant organizations are processed through a GuideStar Charity Check with their Federal-ID to ensure they are in good fiscal standing. All applicants are also required to have a Unique Entity ID (SAM) through the SAM.gov website. This 12-character number replaced DUNS as of April 4, 2022.

How to Apply

Before beginning the application process, applicants are strongly encouraged to review all guidelines and contact Florida Humanities staff with any questions. Incomplete, late, or ineligible applications will not be considered for funding. All applications must be submitted electronically via our online portal at FloridaHumanities.org/Apply.

Application Narrative

All applicants must complete each of the following narrative fields in the online application:

1. **Funding Request:**
   Describe how the requested funds will be used to support your 2023 summer reading program. How does your programming connect to the CSLP 2023 theme “All Together Now” and the humanities? Provide examples, if available, of confirmed programming and presenters planned for summer 2023. (limit 3000 characters with spaces)

   If requesting funding for books, detail how many books your organization plans to purchase, a distribution plan, and a list featuring sample titles your organization will purchase. Approved titles for public circulation must be selected from the list available in the CSLP manual.

2. **Target Audience and Outreach:**
   Describe the target audience for your proposed summer reading programming and what marketing strategies will be used to encourage participation. Identify any underserved audiences to be served. (limit 2000 characters with spaces)
3. Evaluation and Outcomes:
Describe what methods your organization will use to evaluate the programs’ successes and impact on the target audiences. (limit 1000 characters with spaces)

Budget
Florida Humanities funds may only be used for eligible expenses incurred during the project period (May 1- August 31, 2023). Requested funds may not overlap with funding received or anticipated from other public or private sources.

Eligible expenses include:
- **Presenter Fees:** Libraries may request funding for fees for presenters (non-library staff or volunteers) whose in-person or virtual programs connect to the 2023 CSLP theme. Suggested presenters include local, state, and national authors; book club discussion leaders; storytellers; interpreters; and content-area experts.
- **Book Giveaways and Circulation:** Books for distribution to early literacy, children, and/or teen summer reading program participants or for public circulation.

In-eligible Expenses
Florida Humanities funds cannot be used to cover the following expenses:
- Costs that are incurred before or after the project period (May 1- August 31)
- Refreshments (i.e. food and drink) and entertainment
- Incentive and prize items such as personal technology devices, attraction tickets, gift cards, toys, restaurant vouchers, clothing, etc.
- Supplies for programming that is not directly related to the humanities (i.e. cooking, crafts, STEM)
- General operating support, including staffing

Cost Share
Cost share is the portion of your total project costs not paid by Florida Humanities funds. A minimum 1:1 cost share (match) is required of applicants. The match can be met by either in-kind goods or services or cash from either the applicant organization or outside partner organizations and other sponsors. The match can be entirely in-kind, entirely cash, or a combination of the two. Eligible cost share may include, but is not limited to:
- Library staff and volunteer time directly related to the implementation of proposed programming
- Supplies for humanities-related programming
- Travel and per diem for presenters
- Refreshments, incentives, and prize items
- Any eligible costs noted above but not covered by Florida Humanities or other funding sources
- Venue rental for spaces not owned by the library
- Marketing and publicity (print and digital) costs for proposed programming
- Technology, A/V support, or equipment rental for proposed programming
Supporting Documents

Applicants may submit a sample of a past summer reading program schedule or booklet. This document is not required to complete an application. Support documents may also include:

- Marketing or publicity samples from previous summer reading programs
- Marketing or publicity samples from other public programming for youth and teens
- Letters of support from community partners, confirmed presenters, etc.

Questions? We're Here to Help!

Florida Humanities staff are happy to provide guidance on completing an application, determining eligibility, and addressing budgetary questions.

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